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C O N F I D E N T I A L NAIROBI 6267

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, JO, KE, IR

SUBJECT: PROPOSED TRANSFER OF IRANIAN F-5 AIRCRAFT

TO KENYA

REF: TEHRAN 6838 (NOTAL)

1. AS I READ REFTEL, GOI HAS MADE FIRM DECISION NOT TO  
TRANSFER TEN FMS F-5A'S AND TWO F-5B'S TO KENYA. UNLESS  
WE THINK WE CAN CHANGE SHAH'S MIND OR UNLESS  
EQUIVALENT AIRCRAFT ARE AVAILABLE ELSEWHERE, IT WOULD  
APPEAR THAT WE ARE NOT REPEAT NOT GOING TO BE IN POSITION  
TO OFFER F-5A/B PACKAGE TO GOK EVEN IF AGE AND SPARE PARTS  
PROBLEMS RESOLVED. IF THIS INDEED CASE, I WOULD PREFER  
TO BREAK NEWS TO KENYANS NOW SO THAT THEY MAY BEGIN REVIS-  
ING THEIR DEFENSE PLANNING ACCORDINGLY. WE SHOULD BEAR  
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IN MIND THAT, ALTHOUGH WE HAVE BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID

PROMISES, KENYANS HAVE BEEN UNDER IMPRESSION FOR MORE THAN THREE MONTHS THAT F-5A/B SQUADRON NOT ONLY REAL POSSIBILITY BUT ALSO QUICKEST WAY OF REDRESSING KENYAN AIR INFERIORITY VIS-A-VIS RPT VIS-A-VIS SOMALIA AND UGANDA.

2. I WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE ASAP EITHER (A) INSTRUCTIONS TO TELL GOK F-5A/B DEAL IS OFF OR (B) INTERIM GUIDANCE ON STATUS AND TIMING OF IRANIAN OR ALTERNATE F-5A/B PACKAGE INCLUDING INFORMATION WHICH I CAN RELAY TO KENYA DEFENCE MINISTRY. IF INSTRUCTED TO TELL THEM WE UNABLE OFFER F-5A/B DEAL, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO AVOID POINTING FINGER AT SHAH (WHICH WOULD ONLY INFURIATE PRESIDENT KENYATTA) AND GIVE GENERALIZED EXPLANATION THAT SOME OF PROBLEMS MENTIONED BY USAF TEAM WHILE HERE IN JUNE COULD NOT BE RESOLVED.

3. PLEASE CONSULT WITH AMBASSADOR MARSHALL IN WASHINGTON BEFORE REPLYING TO THIS MESSAGE.

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